

DISCUSSION OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 14-27, 31-38 and 40 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-13, 28-30 and 39 are canceled claims. Independent Claim 25 is amended herein to recite one or more features of previously pending Claim 40. Claims 14-24 and 36-37 are presently withdrawn from active prosecution.

No new matter is added.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants thank Examiner Walters for the helpful and courteous discussion of November 17, 2010 with Applicants' U.S. representative. The Examiner appeared to be in agreement that an amendment to Claim 25 to require that and amendment to the claims to require that the hydrophobic nanostructured particles are particles of polytetrafluoroethylene would overcome the rejections of record. The claims are amended accordingly herein. Applicants further thank the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter of Claim 40 is allowable in the October 12, 2010 Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims in view of the amendment to Claim 25 to recite hydrophobic nanostructured polytetrafluoroethylene particles.

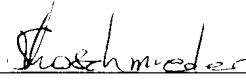
REQUEST FOR REJOINDER

Claims 14-24 and 36-37 are presently withdrawn from consideration. Claim 14 depends from independent Claim 25 which is amended herein to recite allowable subject matter. Claims 15-24 and 36-37 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 14. Applicants respectfully request rejoinder and allowance of the withdrawn claims. Because each of the withdrawn claims is ultimately dependent from Claim 25 and thus include all of the limitations of now-allowable Claims 25, Applicants submit that rejoinder is appropriate.

For the reasons discussed above in detail, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection and the allowance of all now-pending claims.

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